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In re Application of:

GOTO et al.

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Producing the Proteins

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SUBMISSION OF SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION & ABSTRACT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Submitted herewith is a Substitute Specification and abstract for the above-identified application, entry of which is respectfully requested. Clean and marked-up versions of the Substitute Specification are submitted, with changes shown relative to the immediate prior version of the Specification of record as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.125(c). Concurrently submitted are Formal Drawings and a Substitute Sequence Listing.

The Substitute Specification contains no new matter. The specification has been amended to include cross reference to related applications and incorporation of sequence listing sections. The substitute specification also corrects alleged defects in related application number 10/232,858, corrects minor typographical and grammatical errors, and corrects the presentation of various trademarks in the specification. Support for the substitute specification may be found throughout the specification as filed and in the original claims. Although the Examiner did not request an additional Substitute Specification in the present application, Applicants note that a Substitute Specification was requested in related Application No. 10/232,858. Correction of typographical and grammatical errors are believed to be self-evident from a review of the marked-up Specification, and therefore Applicants limit their comments on the changes made in the Substitute Specification to the following:

At paragraph 1, claims for priority have been made as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.52.

At paragraph 2, the sequence listing has been incorporated by reference as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.52.

At paragraph 13, the text has been amended to clarify that the protein has a molecular weight of 60 kD under reducing conditions, and molecular weights of 60 kD and 120 kD under non-reducing conditions. Support for this amendment may be found at page 20, lines 3-8, and at page 44, lines 3-11, in the specification as originally filed, e.g., at current paragraphs 66 and 137.

At paragraph 16, the text has been amended to clarify that the IMR-90 cells are human fetal lung fibroblast cells. Support for this amendment may be found at page 15, lines 3-11, in the specification as originally filed, *e.g.*, at current paragraph 48.

At paragraphs 25-28, sequence identifiers have been added to the description of Figures 9-12. Support for the addition of the sequence identifiers may be found in the specification, sequence listing, and figures as originally filed.

At paragraphs 145, 147, 148, 151, 153, 156 and 158, the amino acid numbers used when referring to SEQ ID NO: 5 have been corrected to match the current sequence listing in this application. In the original sequence listing, several amino acid sequences (including SEQ ID NO: 5) were numbered with positive and negative numbers, where the negative numbers referred to amino acids not present in the mature peptides (*e.g.*, signal peptide amino acids had negative numbers). The substitute sequence listing filed concurrently herewith brings the sequence listing into compliance with the current 37 C.F.R., and accordingly all amino acid sequences are now numbered only with positive numbers. The present amendment results in the specification matching the substitute sequence listing. Support for these amendments may be found in the specification as originally filed, the sequence listing as originally filed, and in the current substitute sequence listing.

At paragraph 255, the number of the Table has been corrected (it was a duplicate number) to reflect its position in the sequence of Tables in the specification.

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At paragraphs 261-263, information regarding deposits made under the Budapest Treaty

has been added to the specification. Support for the addition of this information may be found in

the Statements on the Availability of Deposited Material and Deposit Receipts attached hereto as

Appendix A. These Statements were originally submitted in related application 09/338,063, and

are believed to provide complete support for the present amendments.

At paragraph 266, Applicants have re-written the deposit information and provided the

current name of the international depository in which the accession resides. Support for this

amendment may be found at page 86, lines 14-25, in the specification as originally filed and the

Statements on the Availability of Deposited Material and Deposit Receipts.

At paragraph 267, Applicants have included the text "What is Claimed:". Although this

substitute specification does not include the actual claims, Applicants desire to include the text of

this heading herein.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the above-identified application, he is

invited to contact the undersigned at the number indicated below.

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